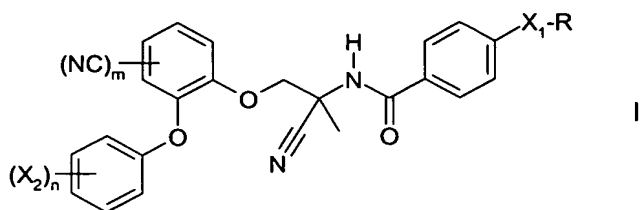


AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

Claim 1. (Original) A compound of formula



wherein

either

R signifies C₁-C₆-alkyl, halo-C₁-C₆-alkyl, C₁-C₆-alkoxy-C₂-C₆-alkyl or halo-C₁-C₆-alkoxy-halo-C₂-C₆-alkyl; and

X₁ signifies a single bond, O, S, S(O) or S(O)₂;

or

R signifies halogen and

X₁ signifies a single bond;

X₂ signifies CN, halogen, C₁-C₆-alkyl, halo-C₁-C₆-alkyl, C₁-C₆-alkoxy, halo-C₁-C₆-alkoxy, C₁-C₆-alkoxycarbonyl, C₁-C₆-alkylthio, C₁-C₆-alkylsulfinyl, C₁-C₆-alkylsulfonyl, C₁-C₆-alkylsulfonylamino, halo-C₁-C₆-alkylsulfonylamino, OH, NH₂, COOH, CONH₂, C₁-C₆-alkylaminocarbonyl or C₁-C₆-alkylcarboxamido, whereby if n is greater than 1, X₂ may differ from each other;

m signifies 1, 2, 3 or 4; and

n is 1, 2, 3, 4 or 5.

Claim 2. (Original) A compound of formula I according to claim 1, wherein

R signifies C₁-C₆-alkyl, halo-C₁-C₆-alkyl, C₁-C₆-alkoxy-C₂-C₆-alkyl or halo-C₁-C₆-alkoxy-halo-C₂-C₆-alkyl;

X₁ signifies a single bond, O, S, S(O) or S(O)₂;

X₂ signifies halogen, C₁-C₆-alkyl, halo-C₁-C₆-alkyl, C₁-C₆-alkoxy, halo-C₁-C₆-alkoxy, C₁-C₆-alkoxycarbonyl, C₁-C₆-alkylthio, C₁-C₆-alkylsulfinyl, C₁-C₆-alkylsulfonyl, C₁-C₆-alkylsulfonylamino, halo-C₁-C₆-alkylsulfonylamino, OH, NH₂, COOH, CONH₂, C₁-C₆-alkylaminocarbonyl or C₁-C₆-alkylcarboxamido, whereby if n is greater than 1, X₂ may differ from each other;

m signifies 1, 2, 3 or 4; and

n is 1, 2, 3, 4 or 5.

Claim 3. (Currently amended) A compound of formula I according to ~~any one of~~ claim 1 [[or 2]], wherein R is C₁-C₆-alkyl or halo-C₁-C₆-alkyl.

Claim 4. (Currently amended) A compound of formula I according to ~~any one of~~ claim 1 [[or 2]],

wherein R is halo-C₁-C₄-alkyl.

Claim 5. (Currently amended) A compound of formula I according to ~~any one of~~ claim 1 [[or 2]], wherein R is halo-C₁-C₂-alkyl.

Claim 6. (Currently amended) A compound of formula I according to ~~any one of~~ claim 1 [[or 2]], wherein X₁ is a single bond, O or S.

Claim 7. (Currently amended) A compound of formula I according to ~~any one of~~ claim 1 [[or 2]], wherein X₁ is O or S.

Claim 8. (Currently amended) A compound of formula I according to ~~any one of~~ claim 1 [[or 2]], wherein X₁ is O.

Claim 9. (Currently amended) A compound of formula I according to ~~any one of~~ claim 1 [[or 2]], wherein X₂ is halogen, C₁-C₆-alkyl, halo-C₁-C₆-alkyl, C₁-C₆-alkoxy, halo-C₁-C₆-alkoxy, C₁-C₆-alkoxycarbonyl, C₁-C₆-alkylthio, C₁-C₆-alkylsulfinyl, C₁-C₆-alkylsulfonyl, C₁-C₆-alkylsulfonylamino or halo-C₁-C₆-alkylsulfonylamino, whereby if n is greater than 1, X₂ may differ from each other.

Claim 10. (Currently amended) A compound of formula I according to ~~any one of~~ claim 1 [[or 2]], wherein X₂ is halogen, C₁-C₆-alkyl, halo-C₁-C₆-alkyl, C₁-C₆-alkoxy or halo-C₁-C₆-alkoxy, whereby if n is greater than 1, X₂ may differ from each other.

Claim 11. (Currently amended) A compound of formula I according to ~~any one of~~ claim 1 [[or 2]], wherein X₂ is chlorine or fluorine, whereby if n is greater than 1, X₂ may differ from each other.

Claim 12. (Currently amended) A compound of formula I according to ~~any one of~~ claim 1 [[or 2]], wherein X₂ is chlorine.

Claim 13. (Currently amended) A compound of formula I according to ~~any one of~~ claim 1 [[or 2]], wherein m is 1, 2 or 3.

Claim 14. (Currently amended) A compound of formula I according to ~~any one of~~ claim 1 [[or 2]], wherein m is 1 or 2.

Claim 15. (Currently amended) A compound of formula I according to ~~any one of~~ claim 1 [[or 2]], wherein m is 1.

Claim 16. (Currently amended) A compound of formula I according to ~~any one of~~ claim 1 [[or 2]], wherein n is 1, 2 or 3.

Claim 17. (Currently amended) A compound of formula I according to ~~any one of~~ claim 1 [[or 2]], wherein n is 1 or 2.

Claim 18. (Currently amended) A compound of formula I according to ~~any one of~~ claim 1 [[or 2]], wherein n is 2.

Claim 19. (Currently amended) A compound of formula I according to ~~any one of~~ claim 1 [[or 2]], wherein

R is C₁-C₆-alkyl or halo-C₁-C₆-alkyl;

X₁ is a single bond, O or S;

X₂ is halogen, C₁-C₆-alkyl, halo-C₁-C₆-alkyl, C₁-C₆-alkoxy, halo-C₁-C₆-alkoxy, C₁-C₆-alkoxycarbonyl, C₁-C₆-alkylthio, C₁-C₆-alkylsulfinyl, C₁-C₆-alkylsulfonyl, C₁-C₆-alkylsulfonylamino or halo-C₁-C₆-alkylsulfonylamino, whereby if n is greater than 1, X₂ may differ from each other;

m is 1, 2 or 3; and

n is 1, 2 or 3.

Claim 20. (Currently amended) A compound of formula I according to ~~any one of~~ claim 1 [[or 2]], wherein

R is halo-C₁-C₄-alkyl;

X₁ is O or S;

X₂ is halogen, C₁-C₆-alkyl, halo-C₁-C₆-alkyl, C₁-C₆-alkoxy or halo-C₁-C₆-alkoxy, whereby if n is greater than 1, X₂ may differ from each other;

m is 1 or 2; and

n is 1 or 2.

Claim 21. (Currently amended) A compound of formula I according to ~~any one of~~ claim 1 [[or 2]], wherein

R is halo-C₁-C₂-alkyl;

X₁ is O;

X₂ is chlorine or fluorine, whereby if n is greater than 1, X₂ may differ from each other;

m is 1, and

n is 2.

Claim 22. (Currently amended) A compound of formula I according to ~~any one of~~ claim 1 [[or 2]], wherein

R is halo-C₁-C₂-alkyl;

X₁ is O;

X₂ is chlorine;

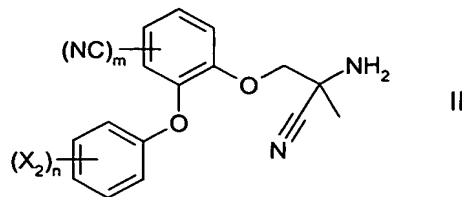
m is 1, and

n is 2.

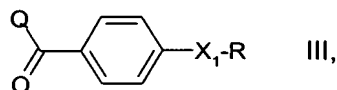
Claim 23. (Original) A compound of formula I according to claim 1 having the name N-[1-cyano-1-methyl-2-(5-cyano-2-{2,4-dichlorophenoxy}-phenoxy)-ethyl]-4-trifluoromethoxybenzamide.

Claim 24. (Currently amended) Process A method for the preparation of compounds of formula I, respectively in free form or in salt form, according to ~~any one of~~ claim 1 [[or 2]], whereby a

compound of formula II

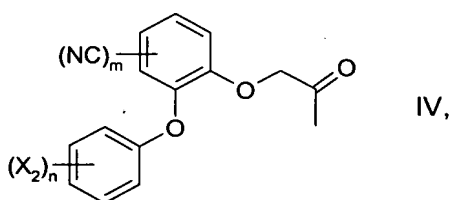


which is known or may be produced analogously to corresponding known compounds, and wherein X_2 , m and n are defined as given for formula I in Claim 1, is reacted with a compound of formula III



which is known or may be prepared analogously to corresponding known compounds, and wherein X_1 and R are defined as given for formula I and Q is a leaving group, optionally in the presence of a basic catalyst, and if desired, a compound of formula I obtainable according to the method or in another way, respectively in free form or in salt form, is converted into another compound of formula I, a mixture of isomers obtainable according to the method is separated and the desired isomer isolated and/or a free compound of formula I obtainable according to the method is converted into a salt or a salt of a compound of formula I obtainable according to the method is converted into the free compound of formula I or into another salt.

Claim 25. (Currently amended) ~~Process A method~~ A method for the preparation of compounds of formula II according to Claim 24, respectively in free form or in salt form, e.g. characterised in that a compound of formula IV



which is known or may be prepared analogously to corresponding known compounds, and wherein X_2 , m and n are defined as given for formula I, is reacted with an inorganic or organic cyanide and NH_3 , and if desired, a compound of formula II obtainable according to the method or in another way, respectively in free form or in salt form, is converted into another compound of formula II, a mixture of isomers obtainable according to the method is separated and the desired isomer isolated and/or a free compound of formula II obtainable according to the method is converted into a salt or a salt of a compound of formula II obtainable according to the method

is converted into the free compound of formula II or into another salt.

Claim 26. (Currently amended) Composition for the control of parasites, ~~which contains as active ingredient~~ comprising at least one compound of formula I according to ~~any one of claim 1~~ [[or 2]], in addition to carriers and/or dispersants.

Claim 27-30. (Cancelled)

Claim 31. (New) A method for controlling parasites comprising applying to said parasites or its habitat a parasitocidal effective amount of at least one compound of formula I of Claim 1.

Claim 32. (New) The method of Claim 31 wherein said parasitocidal effective amount of said at least one compound of formula I of Claim 1 is administered to an animal host of said parasite.

Claim 33. (New) The method of Claim 32 whereby said at least one compound of formula I of Claim 1 is administered to said animal host topically, perorally, parenterally, or subcutaneously.

Claim 34. (New) The method of Claim 32 whereby said compound is in a formulation consisting of the group of pour-on, spot-on, tablet, chewie, powder, boli, capsules, suspension, emulsion, solution, injectable, water-additive, and food-additive.

Claim 35. (New) The method of Claim 32 wherein said parasites are endo-parasites.

Claim 36. (New) The method of Claim 35 wherein said endo-parasites are helminthes.

Claim 37. (New) A method of treating an animal for parasites comprising administering to said animal in need of treatment thereof a parasitocidal effective amount of the composition of Claim 26.

Claim 38. (New) The method of Claim 37 wherein said administration to said animal is topically, perorally, parenterally, or subcutaneously.

Claim 39. (New) The method of Claim 37 wherein said composition of Claim 26 is in a formulation consisting of the group of pour-on, spot-on, tablet, chewie, powder, boli, capsules, suspension, emulsion, solution, injectable, water-additive, and food-additive.

Claim 40. (New) The method of Claim 37 wherein said parasites are endo-parasites.

Claim 41. (New) The method of Claim 40 wherein said endo-parasites are helminthes.